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THE REPLY FILED FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.							
PERIOD FOR RE	PLY [check either a) or b)]						
a) The period for reply expiresmonths from the mailing b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this A no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire Is ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS 706.07(f).  Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period o fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of t (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office	dvisory Action, or (2) the date set forth ater than SIX MONTHS from the mailing FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF TH date on which the petition under 37 CFF extension and the corresponding amount the shortened statutory period for reply of the shortened statutory period for the shortened statutory period for reply of the shortened statutory period for the shortened statutory period statutory period for the shortened statutory period	g date of the final rejection. IE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP  R 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension on the fee. The appropriate extension originally set in the final Office action; or					
timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 C	FR 1.704(b).	ing date of the infairejection, even if					
1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on <u>06 November 2003</u> . Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.							
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered be	cause:						
(a) They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);							
(b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);							
(c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or							
(d) $\square$ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.							
NOTE: <u>See Continuation Sheet</u> .							
3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s):							
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would lead canceling the non-allowable claim(s).							
5. ☐ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☐ request for application in condition for allowance because:	reconsideration has been consid 	lered but does NOT place the					
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered becaraised by the Examiner in the final rejection.	use it is not directed SOLELY to	issues which were newly					
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment( explanation of how the new or amended claims wo	s) a) $oxtimes$ will not be entered or b)[uld be rejected is provided below	will be entered and an vor appended.					
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:							
Claim(s) allowed:							
Claim(s) objected to:							
Claim(s) rejected: <u>1,2 and 13</u> .							
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 24-26.							
8.☐ The drawing correction filed on is a)☐ appro	oved or b) disapproved by the	e Examiner.					
9.☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s)( PTO-1449) Paper No(s)							
10. Other:							
		G.R. EWOLDT, PH.D. PRIMARY EXAMINER					

Continuation of 2. NOTE: Applicant has improperly attempted to introduce new sequence alignments and references after final rejection. Said alignments and references will not be entered and will not be considered .